GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BOMB BLASTS IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed during the bomb blast in Punjab Civil Secretariat at Chandigarh (U.T.) during 1995;

(b) whether an inquiry into the incident was conducted;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): According to available information, 18 persons were killed during the bomb blast in the Punjab and Haryana Secretariat at Chandigarh on 31st August, 1995.

(b): The investigation of the case was done by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

(c): The CBI filed a charge-sheet in the Court against 16 accused persons.

(d): Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery neutralizing plans of militants by coordinated action, modernisation and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.